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This second manual deals with one of the least understood, yet one of the most vital subjects of our day, that of Intercession.

We are beginning to see the emergence of a world wide prayer movement that is having a phenomenal effect on the way God is moving today. This prayer movement is a key to the coming great outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and the harvest that will inevitably follow.

The ministry of intercession has not been widely understood, and has often been relegated to the back cupboard of the church or assigned to the old and infirm. This attitude has cost the Church untold suffering and heartache.

History belongs to the intercessors.

We are going to see the ministry of intercession take a quantum leap forward in terms of importance and function. We can boldly declare to the powers of darkness...

“ Look out, the intercessors are coming!”

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Why Prayer

Have you ever wondered why God devised the system of prayer? An understanding of this is fundamental to our understanding of prayer.

Is God Controlling Everything?

Read: Psalm 2:1-4

Psalm 2:1 Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?

Psalm 2:2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying,

Psalm 2:3 Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.

Psalm 2:4 He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.

Read: Romans 8:28

Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose.

Read Colossians 1:16-17

Colossians 1:16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

Colossians 1:17 and he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

NOTHING HAPPENS WITHOUT GOD'S PERMISSION

You may ask ... What about evil?

God permits evil through the laws He has set, such as :

- ◆ Laws of Sowing and Reaping
- ◆ Laws of Disobedience
- ◆ Laws of Retribution
- ◆ Laws of Free Will etc

The wages of sin is death. This is a law.

It is evident that God knows the beginning from the end. We just have to read the book of Revelation to see that.

If God is in Control and is working to a plan which He will not be late in accomplishing, if God has His hands on the reins,

Then Why Pray?

The purpose of prayer is not that of influencing God. Prayer is not a way of persuading God to do something.

God can do quite well on His own. He does not need us to pray.

However...

God has chosen to delegate the running of the affairs of His Kingdom and to bring to pass His purposes in the earth through you, His Church in the earth.

Read Ephesians 3:10

Ephesians 3:10 To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, ...

GOD DOES EVERYTHING BY THE WORD HE SPEAKS

Read Psalm 33:6

Psalm 33:6 By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

Read Genesis 1:3

Genesis 1:3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. This is a

SOMETIMES SHOCK
TREATMENT IS NECESSARY TO
BREAK UP WRONG PATTERNS
OF THOUGHT

fundamental principle of how God works, (the ways of God). God creates through the spoken word. He speaks and it is done. This gets to the very heart of prayer.

When God chooses to do something it is passed on to His people who in turn speak it into existence.

This is the very essence of true prayer. All prayer has its foundation in this.

PRAYERS THAT ARE ANSWERED ARE
PRAYERS THAT HAVE ORIGINATED

IN GOD

If you read Jeremiah chapter 1 you will see that God put His words into Jeremiah's mouth in order to bring change in Nations. God did not act alone; He acted through his human servant to accomplish what He wanted.

Read 1 John 5: 14

1 John 5: 14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us: ...

Altar Of Incense

Read Exodus 30:1-9

God said this about the Tabernacle

Read Psalm 77:12-13

Psalm 77:12 I will meditate also of all thy work, and talk of thy doings.

Psalm 77:13 Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary: who is so great a God as our God?

The Outer Court

300 x 5 = 1500 years Moses to Christ

The Holy Place

10x10x20 = 2000 From Christ for 2000 years

The Holiest Of All

10 x 10 x 10 = 1000 The Millennium Reign of Christ

The Holy of Holies has been open to us from the death of Jesus

Read Matthew 27:51

Matthew 27:51 And behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; ...

However there is a prophetic significance in these measurements which give us insight into what God is saying to the church today.

The Outer Court

Signified Moses (The Law) to Jesus

The Holy Place

Jesus to the end of this Century 2000 years

The Holiest Of All

The Millennium Reign of Christ

What was at the end of the Holy Place? The Altar of Incense.

It barred the way to the Holiest of all. You

could not enter the Holiest of all without first passing the Altar of Incense and burning incense on that altar.

Read Leviticus 16:12

Leviticus 16:12 And he shall take a censer full of burning coals of fire from off the altar before the LORD, and his hands full of sweet incense beaten small, and bring it within the veil: ...

What Does Incense Speak Of?

Prayer, Intercession ...

Read Revelation 8:3-4

Revelation 8:3 And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.

Revelation 8:4 And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.

As we draw to the end of the age, God is emphasising the "Altar of Incense" in order to help facilitate the ingathering of the harvest. Intercession is required for this to happen.

The Ingredients Necessary To Make Incense

Read Exodus 30:34-36

Exodus 30:34 And the LORD said unto Moses, take unto thee sweet spices, stacte, and onycha, and galbanum; these sweet spices with pure frankincense: of each shall there be a like weight:

Exodus 30:35 And thou shalt make it a perfume, a confection after the art of the apothecary,

WE ARE NOW LIVING AT THE TIME OF THE END OF THE HOLY PLACE

tempered together, pure and holy:

Exodus 30:36 And thou shalt beat some of it very small, and put it before the testimony in the tabernacle of the congregation, where I will meet with thee: it shall be unto you most holy.

The Incense Was Made Up Of The Following

Stacte

This was gum from a tree. The word means, “to drop” or “to distill”.

The tree was not cut, the gum flowed freely.

This ingredient of incense (intercession) speaks of free flowing prophetic praying, an anointed flow of words (prayer) - prophetic praying.

Onycha

This was made from a shellfish, which was ground small. It got its fragrance from the plant it fed on.

This ingredient of Intercession derives its fragrance from what you feed on. Intercession takes its flavour from the Word of God, what you feed on. Intercession is based on the redemptive promises of God's word.

Read 2 Peter 3:9

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Read 1 Timothy 2:4

1 Timothy 2:4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

Galbanum

This was made from the gum of a large shrub. The stem of the shrub was broken and the gum flowed out.

This speaks of brokenness in Intercession. Compassion and deep feelings are necessary. There is a cost that intercessors pay in time,

commitment and availability to God.

Frankincense

This was taken from deep within a tree. A very deep incision had to be made in order to extract the frankincense. It came from deep within the tree.

Frankincense is a type of faith

- ◆ The seventh fruit of the Spirit in Song of Solomon Ch. 4.
- ◆ The seventh fruit of the Spirit in Galatians Ch. 5.

FINALLY ...

The incense was placed in the fire. As the fire touched it a cloud would ascend to heaven to the throne of God.

The fire of God has to burn in the hearts of intercessors; they have to feel as God feels, speak as God speaks, do as God does.

So we see, intercession flows out of the heart of one who is immersed in God's words, one who knows the redemptive purposes of God. Out of a broken heart for mankind there comes free flowing prophetic words, touched by a deep inner faith. They become workers together with God to accomplish that which is on His heart.

We have to build the Altar of Incense and go through the veil on behalf of this generation.

God wants to open the Holiest of All to this hurting generation

A Plague In Israel

Because of rebellion God decided to destroy the people of Israel and a plague began to sweep the nation. Thousands were dying ...

THEN MOSES INTERVENED

How?

Read Numbers 16:45-49

- ◆ Aaron took incense and came between the judgment of God and the plague. THAT IS INTERCESSION.
- ◆ He took incense and stood between the living and the dead.
- ◆ Intercessors have to stand between God

and the Sinner in order to avert God's judgment. Intercessors are the main harvest tool.

- ◆ If the Intercessors do not rise up ... then Jeremiah 8:20 will be fulfilled.

Read Jeremiah 8:20

Jeremiah 8:20 The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.



Enough Salt For A City

God Does Not Need A Lot Of People

- ◆ Gideon had only 300 men. God reduced his numbers from 32000 to 300 so that man would not get the credit.
- ◆ Enoch walked with God 300 years, Genesis 5:22. 300 is the number of a faithful godly remnant.
- ◆ It will be a faithful godly remnant that will get the job done.
- ◆ Jesus trained only 12 men and later sent out only 70.

THERE HAS TO BE ENOUGH SALT

Read Matthew 5: 13

Matthew 5: 13 Ye are the salt of the earth: hut if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

Jesus referred to the function of the Christian as that of salt.

Salt Had Two Purposes In The Days Of Jesus

1. Flavour
2. As a preservative

Read Job 6:6

Job 6:6 Can that which is unsavoury be eaten without salt? Or is there any taste in the white of an egg?

This implies the need of salt for flavour. It

makes the difference in food, whether it is pleasant or unpleasant.

- ◆ Christians who are salt give flavour to the earth.
- ◆ Their presence makes the earth acceptable to God.
- ◆ Their presence commends the earth to God's grace and mercy.

Because there are true intercessors in the earth, the Lord continues to deal with the earth in grace and mercy.

When the Church is finally taken out, only then can the wrath of God be poured out.

Intercessors are the salt of the earth. It just requires a few intercessors who are salt, to make the difference.

This principle is brought out in the destruction of Sodom.

Read Genesis 18

Abraham's intercession for Sodom

Note he went from fifty people down to ten. If there had been 10 righteous people who were salt in Sodom, God would not have destroyed it.

When judgment came, Lot's wife was turned into a pillar of salt as a mute testimony to the fact that

THERE WAS NOT ENOUGH SALT FOR THE CITY

WITHOUT CHRISTIANS WHO ARE SALT IN THE EARTH, THERE IS NOTHING THAT MAKES THE EARTH ACCEPTABLE TO GOD

The Watchman Ministry

Read Ezekiel 3: 17

Ezekiel 3: 17 Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me.

Read Ezekiel 33:7

Ezekiel 33:7 So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me.

The subject of Intercessory prayer is one of the most profound and far reaching realities of our day. It opens to us the most effective weapon we have today in our battle against the powers of darkness.

If you learn the lessons and principles of these studies and begin to put them into practice you will become a real threat to the enemy.

God is gathering a company of people who will be on the cutting edge and at the forefront of what he is doing today.

God is no respecter of persons. To anyone in the earnest pursuit of God and His ways, I commend these studies.

The precious treasures of God are withheld from the careless and the satisfied, and are revealed to the hungry, the determined, and the one hundred percent involved with God.

There will be those who dare to take God at His word and cross the spiritual deserts of our time, finding their way through to God's answer for this generation.

I TRUST THAT YOU WILL BE ONE OF THEM.

Jesus Is The Intercessor

The Foundation Stone ...

There is one truth that is the foundation stone of all intercession.

JESUS IS THE INTERCESSOR

Everything we do is dependent upon and relative to our understanding of this.

The principle of intercession is related to man's redemption. A proper understanding of this is crucial! Only as we understand this, can we proceed and be effective in our intercession.

JESUS IS THE INTERCESSOR

Man's Role In The Earth

Introduction:

Most Christians do not understand the extent of God's decision to make Himself dependent upon man. The implications of this are profound and must be understood if we are to understand intercession. I believe the plans of God are greatly hindered because we have wrong notions of the sovereignty of God.

GOD THROUGH MAN

From the beginning God determined that the affairs of the Earth would be governed by man. God made man to rule in the earth. Man was created to be an extension of the family of God in heaven. He was to bring and maintain the rule of God in the earth. He was to make the earth like heaven, and he himself was to reflect God.

Read Genesis 1:26-28

Genesis 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that

creepeth upon the earth.

Genesis 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Genesis 1:28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Psalm 8:3-8 Made to Rule

Psalm 115:16 The Earth given to man

1 Corinthians 11:7 Man in the image and glory of God

Man made in God's image and glory to rule in the earth, to govern the earth for God.

Man was to be God's mediator, His mouthpiece in the earth.

SO COMPLETE WAS MAN'S AUTHORITY IN THE EARTH, THAT HE HAD THE RIGHT TO GIVE IT AWAY. THIS RIGHT WOULD HAVE GRAVE CONSEQUENCES ON MAN'S FUTURE IN THE EARTH

Satan Obtained Authority In The Earth

Read Luke 4:6

Luke 4:6 And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will give it.

John 12:31, 14:30, 16:11
Satan the prince of this world

2 Corinthians 4:4
Satan the god of this world

The plans and purposes of God are greatly

hindered by a wrong conception of the sovereignty of God.

God can do all things, but that does not mean that He does. The will of God is not automatic in the earth, or in your life.

GOD IS IN CONTROL TO THE DEGREE THAT WE PUT HIM IN CONTROL

◆ Adam, (Man) gave his authority over the earth away to Satan.

◆ In order to get it back, God had to do it through MAN ... thus the Incarnation.

Read Romans 5: 14-15

Romans 5: 14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.

Romans 5: 14 But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift of grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many.

Man would forever be linked to authority over the earth.

THIS IS THE REASON FOR PRAYER

Examples:

Elijah

1 Kings 18, James 5. Elijah stops the rain. It was God's idea but Elijah had to travail.

Daniel Daniel 9.

Daniel discovered the prophecies of Jeremiah regarding the seventy year captivity. The time was up, but he had to co-operate with God and pray. He had to be consistent and diligent in prayer.

Ezekiel 22:30-31

God looked for a man, an intercessor to

stop judgment on the land.

Matthew 6:10

Thy Kingdom come.

Greek for come: Ginomai - A command.

God's kingdom comes when we with authority command it to come, to be established.

If we don't - He wont.

Romans 8:28 tells us that "all things work together for good". Is that true?

Not unless verses 26 and 27 are in place.

Read Romans 8:26-27

Romans 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what to pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Romans 8:27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

God does not work in the earth apart from redeemed man, you and me.

He has chosen to administer His affairs in the earth through the Church.

Our co-operation with Him in this is vital for the will of God to be done.

Jesus the Intercessor

Man was made to represent God ... After the Fall he needed someone to represent him.

This new need of man required someone to mediate for him. This required intercession (not intercessory prayer but intercession) on behalf of man.

Intercession: The Meaning

- A. Intercede - (Latin intercedo): “inter” = between, and “cedo” to pass between. An act of two parties with a view to reconcile those who differ or contend; to plead in favour of another; to mediate or make intercession.

Intercession - “the act of interceding; mediation”

(Websters Dict.)

- B. Mediate - Being between two extremes; to interpose between parties as an equal of each. To negotiate between persons who are at variance with the purpose of reconciling; to mediate a peace.

Mediation - “entreaty for another; intercession”

(Websters Dict.)

- C. Advocate - “Called to one’s side to aid” - It was used in a court of justice to denote a legal assistant, counsel for defense, an advocate, one who pleads another’s cause, an intercessor.

AN INTERCESSOR IS ONE WHO MEDIATES FOR ANOTHER, ONE WHO IS AN ADVOCATE FOR ANOTHER OR FOR A PARTICULAR SITUATION. PRAYER CAN BE USED BY THE INTERCESSOR IN THIS FUNCTION OF INTERCESSION.

Man’s Two-Fold Need

1) MAN NEEDS AN INTERCESSOR/ MEDIATOR TO RECONCILE HIM BACK TO GOD

Read Job 9:32-33

Job 9:32 For he is not a man, as I am, that I should answer him, and we should come together in judgment.

Job 9:33 Neither is there any daysman betwixt us, that might lay his hand upon us both.

The word “daysman” in Hebrew - *Yakach* means a mediator.

Read Job 16:21

Job 16:21 O that one might plead for a man with God, as a man pleadeth for his neighbour.

Job is the oldest book in the Bible; it was written before Genesis. The first Scriptures to be written show the need of man for an Intercessor (mediator).

MAN’S NEED WAS FOR A MEDIATOR, AN ADVOCATE OR AN INTERCESSOR, WHO WOULD STAND BETWEEN HIM AND GOD, BRIDGING THE GAP, PLEADING HIS CASE AND BRINGING RECONCILIATION

2) A MEDIATOR/INTERCESSOR TO BREAK SATAN’S RULE OVER HIM

His Second Need Is For Someone to Break Satan’s Rule Over Him

Man’s need was not just to reconcile him back to God, but he had a need for Satan’s rule over his life to be broken.

Read Genesis 3: 15

Genesis 3: 15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

THE WORD “HEAD” (Hebrew) Rosh = To break headship.

This prophetic statement is saying that Jesus would come and break the headship of Satan over man.

Satan Had Authority Over Mankind

Read Luke 4:6

Luke 4:6 And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will give it.

ALL THIS POWER WILL I GIVE THEE: “Power” (Greek) *Exousia* = Authority

But Jesus broke the authority over man ...

Read Psalm 110:6

Psalm 110:6 He shall judge among the heathen, he shall fill the places with dead bodies; he shall wound the heads over many countries.

This is a Messianic Psalm and the word “Heads” is the Hebrew word *Rosh* -Headship.

Jesus will come and break the headship of Satan. The word “*nations*” here is the Hebrew word “*Erets*” = Earth

SO WE SEE ...

Man’s need is for someone to reconcile him back to God and to break Satan’s headship over him. This requires the work of an Intercessor.

Jesus God’s Solution

Read Isaiah 53: 12

Isaiah 53: 12 Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made INTERCESSION for the transgressors.

See :

John 14:6
Romans 8:34
Acts 4:12
1 Timothy 2:5
Hebrews 7:25; 9:24
1 John 2:1

The Intercession of Jesus is not a Petitioning of the Father for Us

Read John 16:26

John 16:26 At that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you: ...

He is not so much sitting in heaven praying for us. He, as the INTERCESSOR, Mediator, Reconciler, has done His work. HE NOW WAITS FOR US TO ENFORCE HIS WORK IN THE EARTH.

Read Hebrews 10: 12-13

Hebrews 10: 12 But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;

Hebrews 10: 13 From henceforth expecting (Greek WAITING) till his enemies be made his footstool.

Jesus has done His work of intercession; we are now to enforce it in the earth. As we understand this it will bring forth faith and true authority in our lives.

We now operate from a position of what has already been accomplished. We are distributors, not manufacturers. Everything we distribute through our intercessory prayers has already been manufactured, produced through His work of Intercession.

We operate from a position of already accomplished victory through the cross. Whenever you break the hold of the devil in a person’s life, you do it from an already accomplished work that has been done by Jesus. You are simply an enforcer.

Like the loaves and fishes, all the disciples had to do was distribute; the miracle power was

not their responsibility.

Jesus represents you in heaven You represent Him in the earth

ALL TRUE INTERCESSION STARTS
HERE. YOU DRAW FROM AND
DISTRIBUTE REDEPTIVE
REALITIES FROM THE BANK OF
HEAVEN THAT WERE DEPOSITED
THROUGH THE REDEPTIVE
INTERCESSION OF CHRIST

Jesus

Representing Jesus in the Earth Today

Key Truth...

Jesus was our pattern in how He represented the Father in the earth. The pattern of our representation of Jesus is exactly the same. We relate to Jesus in exactly the same way as Jesus related to the Father.

We relate to Jesus in exactly the same way as Jesus related to the Father. An understanding of this is vital to our intercession; it is but an extension of the life and ministry of Jesus, as His was of the Father.

This is the secret of all successful New Testament ministry.

The Example Of Jesus

"I can of mine own self do nothing"
(John 5:30)

"The Father that dwelleth in me, He doeth the works"
(John 14:10)

Where Did Jesus Get His Authority From?

Authority ... The right to command or act, dominion, control. The right to rule.

1: Jesus was Sent by the Father

His authority came from the one who sent Him (an ambassador)

Read John 3:17

John 3:17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

Read John 4:34

John 4:34 Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

Read John 5:23

John 5:23 That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.

2: Jesus did the Will of the Father

His authority came out of doing the will of the Father.

John 4:34
John 5:30
John 6:38
1 Cor 11:3

3: Jesus Did the Works of the Father

Read John 5:36

John 5:36 But I have greater witness than that of John: for the works which the father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me.

4: Jesus Revealed the Father

Read John 1:18

John 1:18 No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

John 14:9
John 17:6
John 17:26
2 Corinthians 4:4
Hebrews 1:3

5: The Father was in Christ Reconciling the World

2 Corinthians 5:8-21

The Father intervened in the affairs of the world by sending Jesus. In everything Christ did on earth, he was representing the Father and was an extension of His love, His will, His works.

In this was found the key to His authority.

Where Did Jesus Get His Power From?

- 1: Jesus was filled with the Holy Spirit
Luke 4:1
- 2: Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit
Luke 4:1
- 3: Jesus was empowered by the Holy Spirit
Luke 4:14
Acts 10:38
- 4: Jesus was anointed by the Holy Spirit
Luke 4:18
Acts 10:38

Jesus relied upon the power and the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Through His relationship with the Father, He knew the will of the Father. Then, using the authority that came from the Father, He demonstrated and enforced the will of God in the earth. That was intercession.

Jesus Through The Believer

- 1: We are Sent by Jesus

Read John 17:18

John 17:18 As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.

Read John 20:21

John 20:21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

Matthew 28:18-19
Mark 16:15-20
- 2: The Believer does the Will of Jesus

Jesus is our head; we obey Him.

Read Ephesians 1:22

Ephesians 1:22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be head over all things to the church, ...

2 Timothy 1:9

- 3: The Believer does the Works of Jesus

Read John 14:12

John 14:12 Verily, verily I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

Galatians 2:20

- 4: The Believer Reveals Jesus

Read Acts 5:42

Acts 5:42 And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.

Acts 8:5,35

2 Corinthians 3:18

- 5: Jesus in the Believer Reconciling the World unto Himself

Read 2 Corinthians 5:18

2 Corinthians 5:18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation.

As Jesus represented the Father when He was on earth, so we represent Jesus in the same way. This is the basis of our authority.

Intercessory Prayer

We have now established a strong enough foundation for our study of intercessory prayer. The work of Christ reuniting God and man is intercession in its fullest sense. There is no other mediator intercessor between God and man but Jesus. ALL of our intercession must be an extension of HIS. Now we represent Him in the earth and enforce the work of His intercession. This makes our intercessory prayer powerful as it enforces that which He has already achieved for the human race.

WE ARE NOW GOING TO STUDY HOW THESE FOUNDATION TRUTHS MANIFEST THEMSELVES IN ACTUAL ACTS OF INTERCESSORY PRAYER.

Creating a Meeting

The Hebrew Word For Intercession Is ... "PAGA "

The Hebrew language is very graphic and employs many shades of meaning. This word "paga" has many applications, all related yet uniquely different. By studying the way this word is used we gain some profound insight into intercessory prayer.

WE WILL LOOK AT THE FIRST ASPECT OF THIS WORD WHICH IS ... "TO MEET"

A meeting can be pleasant, or it can be a violent confrontation of opposing forces. The intercessor is either going to meet God for the purpose of reconciling the world to the Father with all the benefits made available through Calvary. Or you are going to "MEET" Satanic forces of opposition, for the purpose of enforcing the victory of Calvary. The purpose varies, but one thing is certain; the prayers of an understanding intercessor will create A MEETING, and when the meeting comes to a close, something will have changed.

1: A MEETING WITH GOD ... RECONCILIATION

In the Life of Jesus

Read Psalm 85:10

Psalm 85:10 Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Read John 1:17

John 1:17 For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

Mercy And Truth Have Met = Paga

God is righteous and cannot overlook sin.

God is also love : He produces a PAGA : MEETING

◆ The wrath of God was poured out on Jesus

◆ Lovingkindness and Truth met

◆ Reconciliation

In the Life of The Believer

Read 2 Corinthians 5:18

2 Corinthians 5:18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation.

Read Psalm 66:5

Psalm 66:5 Come and see the works of God: he is terrible in his doing toward the children of men.

THROUGH INTERCESSION WE CREATE A MEETING WITH GOD AND THE ONE WE ARE INTERCEDING FOR

Father, I bring John Doe to you today; meet

with him:

For Healing
For Deliverance
For Direction
For Salvation

YOU CREATE A MEETING BETWEEN GOD AND MAN

The prayers of an understanding intercessor create a meeting. When that meeting comes to a close something will have changed.

2: CONFRONTING EVIL ... BREAKING

Read Proverbs 17:12

Proverbs 17:12 let a bear robbed of her whelps meet a man rather than a fool in his folly.

Read 2 Samuel 17:8

2 Samuel 17:8 For, said Hushai, thou knowest thy father and his men, that they be mighty men, and they be chafed in their minds, as a bear robbed of her whelps in the field: and thy father is a man of war, and will not lodge with the people.

You never get between a bear or a lion and its cubs. If you do there is going to be a meeting, a violent confrontation.

Calvary Was A Violent Confrontation

JESUS

Read 1 John 3:8

1 John 3:8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

Jesus Destroyed The Works Of The Devil

Read Acts 10:38

Acts 10:38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with

power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

See also John 14:30, 12:31

THE BELIEVER

Read Acts 16:16

Acts 16:16 And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying:

See also:

Acts 13:11

Matthew 11:12

The Lion Anointing Is Beginning To Be Manifest In These Days

WE ARE AT WAR: We will meet opposition; there will be violent confrontation in this business of getting people to God and setting the captive free We must be ready to deal aggressively with these forces, knowing that the victory has already been won. Now we must enforce it.

The Second Use Of The Word “Paga” “To Light Upon” ...

The word carries with it the meaning:

“To light upon by chance”

“To intercept”

FIRST LET’S SEE HOW THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPS US IN THIS

Read John 4:17-18

John 4:17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

John 4:18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

Read John 14:26

John 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

The words “another Comforter” are the Greek words “allos-parakletos”

“ALLOS” meaning:

“The same as” The same as what’?

The same power source that Jesus had.

- ◆ THE SAME MINISTRY
- ◆ THE SAME WORKS
- ◆ THE SAME HELPER

“PARAKLETOS” meaning:

- ◆ Comforter
- ◆ Helper
- ◆ Advocate
- ◆ Standby
- ◆ Counsellor
- ◆ Intercessor
- ◆ Strengtheners

WE HAVE THE SAME HELPER THAT JESUS HAD

To Light Upon By Chance

The Holy Spirit helps us with our direction and accuracy in intercession

Read Romans 8:26-27

Romans 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Romans 8:27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

TWO WORDS TO NOTE HERE ...
“Infirmities” and “Ought”

The word “Infirmities”: is the Greek word “astheneia”

This word means:

Lack of strength and ability.

The inability to produce results.

The word “Ought”: is the Greek word “dei”

This word means:

That which is right and necessary.

THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPS US IN THIS BY LIGHTING UPON US BY CHANCE

Read Genesis 28:10-11

Genesis 28:10 And Jacob went out from Beer-sheba, and went toward Haran.

Genesis 28:11 And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep.

Jacob was being directed unknowingly by God to this place, Bethel, “the house of God”. This produced a “meeting with God”.

The Holy Spirit will light upon you to pray. You don’t know why, where, what for, but you have a Helper. The Holy Spirit causes our prayers to light upon the right place; destinies are shaped, and people come to Bethel “the house of God”, like Jacob.

To Intercept

The Holy Spirit will intercept your own thoughts with His thoughts, bringing someone before you with the thought or feeling to pray for them. This is a PAGA encounter. It is the Holy Spirit calling you to intercession.

Timing In Intercession

THERE ARE TWO GREEK WORDS USED FOR TIME

Chronos ... Time in general.

Kairos ... A strategic, opportune time.
The “now” time.
The right time.

Kairos Time

The Enemy does not attack us at random: his attacks are carefully timed.

Read Luke 8:13

Luke 8:13 They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away.

THE WORD “TIME” HERE IS ... “Kairos”
Temptation is carefully timed.

At an opportune time the enemy came and they fell.

During times of:

- ◆ Tiredness
- ◆ Discouragement
- ◆ Low spirituality etc

You will encounter a “Kairos” attack, a well timed attack, when you are vulnerable.

Read Luke 4:13

Luke 4:13 And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season.

(He departed to await another Kairos time)

Kairos Persecution

Read Acts 12:1

Acts 12:1 Now about that “time” (Kairos) Herod the king stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church.

Read Acts 19:23

Acts 19:23 And the same time there arose no small stir about that way.

These persecutions were planned with strategic timing.

Kairos Prayer

Read Ephesians 6:18

Ephesians 6:18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

The word “always” here is the word Kairos.

It does not mean that you have to be praying all the time. It means you have to be alert to those strategic times when you should be praying. When you pray, intercede in a Kairos Strategic time, you head off the enemy’s plans for a person, or carefully planned future attack of the enemy.

Read Luke 22:31-32

Luke 22:31 And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat:

Luke 22:32 But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

Jesus prayed in advance to head off an attack on Peter.

This is a vital aspect of intercession. You must be a watchman, vigilant, ever on the alert.

Read Hebrews 4:16

Hebrews 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

A KAIROS TIME OF NEED ... During these Kairos times we have to be bold.

Our Divine Helper, the Holy Spirit, is standing by, ready to help us in our intercession. He will move us from the natural to the supernatural, taking hold of situations with us, shaking the Kingdom of Darkness and accomplishing the will of God. His timing is precise, His aim is sure, His understanding is limitless.

Another Aspect Of “PAGA”

TO FALL UPON, TO STRIKE DOWN

Intercessory prayer can be violent... swords flashing... demons scattering... buildings being pulled down... people free.

The Warfare Aspect Of “PAGA”

Read 1 Samuel 22:17-18

1 Samuel 22:17 And the king said unto the footmen that stood about him, Turn, and slay the priests of the LORD; because their hand also is with David, and because they knew when he fled, and did not shew it to me. But the servants of the king would not put forth their hand to fall upon the priests of the LORD.

1 Samuel 22:18 And the king said to Doeg, Turn thou, and fall upon the priests. And Doeg the Edomite turned, and he fell upon the priests, and slew on that day fourscore and five persons that did wear a linen ephod.

Both of these acts are violent acts and the word to describe these violent acts is the word “PAGA”.

Intercession is the readiness of a soldier to fall upon violently, to attack the enemy.

Bruising The Head Of Satan

Read Genesis 3:15

Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

THE WORD BRUISE HERE IS THE HEBREW WORD ... “Shuwph”

It means: To break, crush, smite in pieces.

This prophetic statement indicates a violent crushing encounter.

Read Psalm 68:1

Psalm 68:1 Let God arise, let his enemies be

scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him.

This is a Messianic Psalm; that is, it speaks of Jesus.

Treading Underfoot

Read Joshua 10:24-25

Joshua 10:24 And it came to pass, when they brought out those kings unto Joshua, that Joshua called for all the men of Israel, and said unto the captains of the men of war which went with him, Come near, put your feet upon the necks of these kings. And they came near, and put their feet upon the necks of them.

Joshua 10:25 And Joshua said unto them, Fear not, nor be dismayed, be strong and of good courage: for thus shall the LORD do to all your enemies against whom ye fight.

This was a custom. The king would do this to the kings he defeated in battle as a graphic picture of the enemy defeated.

However, in this incident Joshua broke from tradition. He called the soldiers over to put their feet on the necks of the enemy.

This was a prophetic statement of our Joshua (Jesus). It is saying, we now have the right to put our feet on the necks of the enemy which He, our King Jesus, has defeated.

Read 1 Corinthians 15:27

1 Corinthians 15:27 For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him.

Read Ephesians 1:22

Ephesians 1:22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be head over all things to the church.

Read Psalm 110:1

Psalm 110:1 The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies

thy footstool.

Read Joshua 1:3

Joshua 1:3 Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses.

This is not some quiet prayer walk: IT IS VIOLENT ACTION

Read Matthew 11:12

Matthew 11:12 And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.

Demolishing Strongholds

Read 2 Corinthians 4:4

2 Corinthians 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

Read 2 Corinthians 10:4-5

2 Corinthians 10:4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, hut mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds;)

2 Corinthians 10:5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself againsts the knowledge of God and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;...

A Stronghold - A House Of Thoughts

Paul is here describing these strongholds as thoughts.

Where there is a wrong pattern of thought, Satan is able to build a stronghold in that person's mind. We are not talking about random thoughts, but well-established patterns of thought that are in harmony with Satanic thought or lies.

Jesus said that evil spirits seek rest. Matthew 12:43-44. What kind of rest do they seek?

The sense of rest they seek is from being in harmony with their environment, their thinking.

They build a stronghold in people's lives, which is a house of thoughts that are in harmony with their thinking.

EXAMPLES:

- ◆ Fear
- ◆ False Doctrine
- ◆ Failure
- ◆ Sexual fantasy
- ◆ Unbelief
- ◆ Suspicion
- ◆ Rejection

These strongholds can be built in the minds of Christians or brought over from the old life.

These Strongholds Have To Be Pulled Down

Read 2 Corinthians 4:4

2 Corinthians 4:4 In wham the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

THE WORD "blinded" HERE IS THE GREEK WORD "tuphloo"

It means to make blind or dull.

It is taken from a root Greek word "tuphoo" which means "to inflate with self; to be lifted up with pride".

THIS IS VERY REVEALING ...

If you put these two words together, you get a very clear understanding of the word "blinded" as it is used in this passage of Scripture.

BLINDED ... To make blind and dull through self conceit and pride.

WHAT IS THE STRONG MAN THAT KEEPS PEOPLE OUT OF THE

KINGDOM OF GOD?

PRIDE ... The god of this world has a root of pride, a Strong man that has dulled and blinded the minds of the unbeliever. Our weapons are mighty through God to pull down these strongholds and set them free.

WE CAN AND WE MUST

Read Mark 3:27

Mark 3:27 No man can enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he will first bind the strong man; and then he will spoil his house.

Identification

Another use of the word "Paga" is found in Isaiah 53:12.

PAGA ... "Laid upon"

Intercession reached its highest and most profound expression when our sins were "laid upon" Jesus. Jesus was able to fully identify with us, when the totality of our condition was laid upon Him. Then as the scapegoat, He carried it far away. There is an aspect of this form of intercession which we, His body, can enter into. It isn't exactly the same as His was, of course, in that His was redemptive in nature. There is nevertheless a "sharing on behalf of His body, which is the church, in filling up that which is lacking in Christ's afflictions.

Read Colossians 1:24

Colossians 1:24 Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church: ...

(Living Bible) But part of my work is to suffer for you; and I am glad, for I am helping to finish up the remainder of Christ's sufferings for His body, the church.

JESUS IDENTIFIES WITH US (INTERCESSION)

Read Isaiah 53:12

Isaiah 53:12 Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

OUR SIN WAS "LAID UPON" HIM - "Paga".

Read Isaiah 53:6

Isaiah 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Read 2 Corinthians 5:21

2 Corinthians 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

JESUS "BORE AWAY" OUR SIN - Hebrew "Nasa"

To bear away, remove.

Read Isaiah 54:4

Isaiah 54:4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

Read Isaiah 53:11

Isaiah 53:11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

Read Psalm 103:12

Psalm 103:12 As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

The Intercessor Can Also Carry And Bear For Others

Read Romans 15:1

Romans 15:1 We that are strong ought to bear

the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

Read Romans 15:2-3

Romans 15:2 Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good to edification.

Romans 15:3 For even Christ pleased not himself; but as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me.

Read Galatians 6:2

Galatians 6:2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

THE WORD "BEAR" HERE IS THE GREEK WORD "Bastazo"

IT MEANS:

- ◆ To lift up, carry away
- ◆ Carry off, remove
- ◆ Intercession

Read Colossians 3:13

Colossians 3:13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

Read Ephesians 4:2

Ephesians 4:2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;...

FORBEAR ... To take upon oneself.

INTERCESSORS CAN BEAR FOR OTHERS

Sometimes...

- ◆ Pain
- ◆ Grief
- ◆ Sorrow, etc

WE CAN, NOT BY ADDING TO WHAT CHRIST HAS DONE, BUT BECAUSE OF WHAT HE HAS DONE, CARRY THE WEAKNESSES AND PAIN OF OTHERS, PLACED UPON US FOR INTERCESSION.

WE CARRY THEM TO THE CROSS, ALLOWING THE HOLY SPIRIT TO APPROPRIATE TO THEM THE BENEFITS OF CALVARY, ONCE AGAIN MAKING THE GRACE AND BLOOD OF JESUS SUFFICIENT.

The Final Aspect Of "PAGA"

"REACHES TO" SETTING BOUNDARIES

This last use of the word "paga" describes a place of security available to us in the Lord. However, this place of security is not automatic. Those who just take for granted that the Lord will protect us, are in danger of being wiped out by the enemy.

Intercession is required in order to secure that place of safety.

In Joshua Chapter 19 the word "paga" is used 5 times. IT IS USED FOR SETTING BOUNDARIES

Read Joshua 19:11

Joshua 19:11 And their border went up toward the sea, and Maralah, and reached to Dabbasheth, and reached to the river that is before Jokneam; ...

The word "reach" here is "paga". It is also used in verses 22, 26, 27, 34.

Setting boundaries. Saying, "no further" to the enemy.

This kind of intercession heads off enemy attack "in advance". It puts a sign up saying, "no trespassing". It builds walls of protection.

In Advance

Read Psalm 91:3

Psalm 91:3 Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

THE SNARE OR TRAPS OF THE TRAPPER

The enemy sets traps for us which can at times be near fatal. But we can be one step ahead of the enemy.

Read Matthew 6:13

Matthew 6:13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Lit: Deliver us from the Evil One. This is in advance.

THE SIGN “NO TRESPASSING” IS POSTED BY PRAYER

It is critical that we realise that protection is not automatic.

It is not just by faith, or by covering with the blood of Jesus.

It requires intercession “Paga” that sets boundaries.

Read Romans 8:28

Romans 8:28 And we know that a11 things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose.

IF VERSE 27 IS NOT IN PLACE, VERSE 28 DOES NOT WORK

There are things we must do, in order to secure ourselves and family, and those we are praying for.

The Secret Place

Read Psalm 91:1

Psalm 91:1 He that dwelkth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

WHERE OR WHAT IS THE SECRET PLACE?

Jesus talked about this.

Read Psalm 91:2

Psalm 91:2 I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

Read Matthew 6:6

Matthew 6:6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

I WILL SAY ... PRAYER

Read Ephesians 6:16

Ephesians 6:16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

WE MUST EXERCISE FAITH AND PRAYER

- ◆ This is a way of life
- ◆ Consistency is the order of the day
- ◆ You must dwell in this

It's to “he that dwelleth”, to stay in.
ABIDE ... Hebrew - To stay overnight

You don't cover the next month in prayer in one prayer time. It's a place you abide in; a daily thing.

Then, and only then, do you abide under shadow of the Almighty.

SHADOW: Hebrew - “A protective covering”

WE ARE TO CONSTANTLY “WATCH AND PRAY” TO AVOID ENTERING INTO TEMPTATION (The traps of the enemy)

Warding Off Kairos Attacks

Read Ephesians 6:18

Ephesians 6:18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints:

“ALWAYS”:

“Kairos” - At the right, or critical, definite, fixed time.

“WATCHING”:

Greek - To be intently watchful.

The protection of the Lord is not automatic because we are saved. It requires vigilance and obedience.

The intercessor knows this and leaves nothing to chance, posting signs for all the forces of hell to see.

The intercessor remains under the shadow of the Most High, through abiding in prayer and alertness to the Enemy's plans.

Manifestations Of Intercession

TRAVAIL: Releasing the Creative Energy of God

Travailing intercession is one of the most powerful manifestations of intercession. Our ignorance of this dynamic truth has resulted in untold lost opportunities and a spiritual impotency far greater than most are aware of...

Read Isaiah 37:3

Isaiah 37:3 "And they said unto him, Thus saith Hezekiah, This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and of blasphemy: for the children are come to birth, and there is not strength to bring forth. Jesus said it this way ...

Read Matthew 9:37

Matthew 9:37 Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few;...

DEFINITION: Travail - strong labour; to give birth.

SUPERNATURAL CHILD BIRTH: The Holy Spirit Hovering.

Read Romans 8:22

Romans 8:22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

Read Romans 8:26-28

Romans 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: hut the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Romans 8:27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work

together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose.

The Context: Travail

- ◆ Creation groans and travails
- ◆ We groan and travail
- ◆ The Holy Spirit groans and travails through us

GROANING ... Greek 'stenagmos'

Groaning or sighing as one who is distressed.

"which cannot be uttered" - KJV

"which are inexpressible" - W.E. Vine

"not to be expressed in words" - Bullinger

"to deep for words" - NAS

"groans that words cannot express" - NIV

Physical Manifestations

Travail sometimes comes with physical manifestations, similar to that of literal child birth. However, travail does not always have these manifestations, but deep emotion will always accompany that kind of intercession.

Read Galatians 4:19

Galatians 4:19 My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you, ...

Paul is here speaking about travailing in birth until Christ is formed within his spiritual children. The word travail here is "odino" meaning "to experience the pangs of birth".

WEEPING:

This too is a manifestation that sometimes comes with travail. Again this is a strong emotion that can be part of the identification process that sometimes accompanies travail.

The Birthing Power Of God

THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVES BIRTH TO THE WILL OF GOD

Creation

Genesis 1:2. "Without form" Hebrew 'tohuw'
A desolate wasteland

"Moved upon" Hebrew "rachaph" "To brood over"

"Brood" from the root "breed". Offspring; progeny; that which is bred.
To bring forth young.

The Hebrew language is a picture language.
The word "brood" is the picture for a husband hovering over his bride.

Jesus is the Saviour, but the Holy Spirit is the birthing agent. Travail is necessary to get people saved.

At creation the Holy Spirit brooded over the desolate Earth, releasing His creative power with the words of Jesus, and gave birth to what He spoke. The Scriptures elsewhere call this TRAVAIL.

Read Deuteronomy 32:10-11

Deuteronomy 32:10 He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye.

Deuteronomy 32:11 As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings: ...

The context of this is the bringing into existence of the nation of Israel.

NOTE: "As an eagle fluttereth"
Hebrew - "rachaph" to brood, to bring forth

THE CONCEPTION OF JESUS

Read Luke 1:35

Luke 1:35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

"Overshadow" - Greek "episkiazo" To cast a shade upon; To envelope in a haze of brilliance. (W.E. Vine)

The Holy Spirit hovered over Mary as He did over the earth at creation. He enveloped her in a "haze of brilliance" (His Glory) releasing His creative power, and forming, or conceiving Christ in her.

Read Matthew 17:5

Matthew 17:5 While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.

Read Acts 5: 15

Acts 5: 15 Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them.

This enveloping of the glory of God is God's

To Bring Forth

IN CREATION

Read Psalm 90:2

Psalm 90:2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hast formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting thou art God.

Before the mountains were "brought forth"

"yalad" The Hebrew word for travail.

Before the earth was "formed"

"Chuwl" To twist, writhe in pain.

We see from this scripture the World was birthed through travail.

A NATION

How did Israel come to be? Moses recounts this in the book of Deuteronomy.

creative power manifest.

CHRIST'S RESURRECTION

Read Romans 8:11

Romans 8:11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

Quicken" - Greek 'zoopoieo' To give life; make alive

Even though Jesus is the resurrection and the life, it was the Holy Spirit who quickened his body, giving birth to new life.

The limitless ability and the life birthing power of the Holy Spirit, must be released. They are released by intercessors who respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit in intercession. TRAVAIL is a form of intercession that gives birth. It releases God's creative power into a situation to produce and give birth.

Travailing In The Ministry Of Jesus

LAZARUS

Read John 11:34-35

John 11:34 And said, Where have ye laid him? They said unto him, Lord, come and see.

John 11:35 Jesus wept.

John 11:38 Jesus therefore again groaning in himself cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it.

verse .33 Jesus was moved deeply in the Spirit and was troubled.

verse .35 Jesus wept. Greek = dakruo - to burst into tears.

verse .38 Groaning within himself.

Jesus travailed and released the life giving power of the Holy Spirit before he ever gave the command, "Lazarus, come forth".

GETHSEMANE

Without question, Christ's intercessory redemption of man began with His travail in the Garden. Isaiah prophesied of this.

Isaiah 53:11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall he satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

JESUS SAID THIS ...

Read Matthew 26:38

Matthew 26:38 Then said he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me.

It was here, in the Garden, that redemption was birthed through travail. It was here that the "New Creation" was birthed.

Read Hebrews 5:7

Hebrews 5:7 Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared; ...

TRAVAIL: With strong crying and tears.

The Intercessors Travail

As at creation:	So for the new creation
As with Israel:	So for spiritual Israel
As with Mary:	Forming Christ in His people
As with Lazarus:	Birthing new life for others
As at Gethsemane:	Birthing redemption for others

IT WAS HERE THAT
REDEMPTION BEGAN

IT WAS HERE THAT THE
VICTORY WAS WON

Salvation

Read Isaiah 66:8

Isaiah 66:8 Who hath heard such a thing ? Who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? Or shall a nation be born at once? For as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children.

Read Psalm 126:5-6

Psalm 126:5 They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.

Psalm 126:6 He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

There will be no harvest without travail.

Maturing The Believer

Read Galatians 4:19

Galatians 4:19 My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you,

Read 1 Thessalonians 3:10

1 Thessalonians 3:10 Night and day praying exceedingly that we might see your face, and might perfect that which is lacking in your faith?

Read Colossians 4:12

Colossians 4:12 Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand complete in all the will of God.

General Provision

Read James 5:17-18

James 5:17 Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months.

James 5:18 And he prayed again, and the earth gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.

The power that created the universe is available to you as you co-operate with God. Untold millions await their birth into the Kingdom of God. If it is ever going to happen, the church is going to have to arise and find her Gethsemane, take up her position and press! -birthing the harvest while it is yet day.

Practical Considerations

- ◆ Don't try to work it up
- ◆ Make sure any physical manifestations, such as groaning or loud cries, etc. are of the Spirit, and not of the flesh
- ◆ When you don't understand something, or aren't sure of what is happening, seek wise counsel
- ◆ Be sensitive when with people who don't understand
- ◆ Public places, meetings etc
- ◆ Be sensitive to the Holy Spirit
- ◆ Finish your intercession

Wrestling ... Enforcing the victory

It is not enough to simply ask the Father to do something. It is often necessary to accompany this with Spiritual Warfare or "wrestling", enforcing the victory of Calvary.

Read Ephesians 6: 12

Ephesians 6: 12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Wrestle - KJV
Struggle - NAM
Fight - Philips
Contend - AMP

Read 2 Corinthians 10:4

2 Corinthians 10:4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) ...

We are at war with a defeated foe, but we must enforce his defeat

Why Is It Necessary To “Wrestle”?

Why didn't God pass final judgment on Satan, put him in the pit, eliminating him from the earth?

If Satan is defeated, and we are delivered from his power (Colossians 1:13), why is wrestling or warfare necessary?

God Has Given Us Dominion...

But we have to exercise it.

We have to retake this planet back and establish God's kingdom here again.

Read Hebrews 10:12-13

Hebrews 10:12 But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;

Hebrews 10:13 From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool.

Jesus now waits for the Church to rise up and possess the land. Satan will resist and fight us; there will be conflict.

Jesus broke the headship of Satan, or his authority, over mankind. Satan still has power. He simply has no legal right over mankind.

We have to enforce that.

With Whom Do We Wrestle?

Not with God ... We do not wrestle with God; we co-operate with Him.

EPHESIANS 6: 12

◆ PRINCIPALITIES

Greek = “arch” - beginning, the first place

◆ POWERS

Greek = “exosia” - authorities

◆ RULERS OF DARKNESS OF THIS WORLD

Greek = “kosmokrator” - “Lords of the world”

◆ SPIRITUAL WICKEDNESS IN HIGH PLACES

Greek = “poneros” - wickedness; evil in nature

Read 1 John 5:19

1 John 5:19 And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.

Read 2 Corinthians 4:4

2 Corinthians 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

Read John 14:30

John 14:30 Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me.

Read John 12:31

John 12:31 Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.

NOTE:

Paul's ministry was hindered by these powers.
1 Thessalonians 2:18 Romans 15:22

False teaching comes from these powers.
1 Timothy 4:1 James 3:15

Prayers hindered by these powers
Daniel 10:12-13

In many situations much time is wasted dealing with symptoms, conditions, individuals, problems, etc, when the cause is spiritual or demonic.

Prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance. We storm the gates of hell.

Isaiah 28:6; Matthew 16:18 Not the gates of heaven.

In drawing these studies on intercession to a close, we find that they have led us to another subject, that of Spiritual Warfare. The two really go together. No intercessor can escape very real confrontations with the enemy.

However, by now you will be learning to increase your skills in intercession. As you develop skills in spiritual warfare, you are becoming a very real threat to the enemy and you will begin to take your stand at the forefront of what God is doing today.